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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL OFFICE PARTICIPATION IN U.S. BICENTENNIAL

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1. COMMERCIAL OFFICE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DEVELOP EXPLICIT LINK BETWEEN ONE OF OFFICIAL-SPONSORED TRADE PROMOTIONAL EVENTS IN COMMERCIAL OFFICE DURING 1976 AND BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. NONE OF SEMINAR/EXHIBITS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR COMMERCIAL OFFICE LENDS ITSELF PARTICULARLY WELL TO SUCH A LINKAGE, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT USING ONE OF THESE EVENTS TO CALL ATTENTION TO CLEARLY NON-COMMERCIAL CELEBRATION WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR COMMERCIAL OFFICE'S OVERALL OPERATIONS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT USIA IS PLANNING MAJOR U.S. BICENTENNIAL EXHIBITION IN MOSCOW DURING NOVEMBER 1976 WHICH WILL PROVIDE BEST POSSIBLE MEANS FOR CALLING ATTENTION TO BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS.

3. COMMERCIAL OFFICE WILL OF COURSE BE COOPERATING IN ACTIVITIES OF MOSCOW "VISIT USA COMMITTEE" NOW BEING FORMED. WHILE RECENT ABSENCE OF AMEXCO REPRESENTATIVE ON URGENT FAMILY BUSINESS HAS DELAYED COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION, EMBASSY EXPECTS LOCAL AGREEMENT ON PROPOSED PROGRAM, INCLUDING NATURE AND EXTENT OF COMMERCIAL OFFICE INVOLVEMENT, WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

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